OVERVIEW

This has been a year of extending our activities both within the country and internationally. Significant progress has been made in implementing activities related to programmes of Women’s Empowerment and Occupational Health and Safety. Our programmes on Capacity Building and Natural Resources have undergone a period of internal review with a view to determine more appropriate focus in the coming period.

The year has also witnessed PRIA being pulled into a variety of directions as a consequence of developments within the country. The growing violence associated with the post-Ayodhya period forced many voluntary organisations to address the issues of secularism and respect for diversity. PRIA also got involved in supporting these initiatives, in particular through the Peoples’ Campaign on Secularism.

The revitalisation and reformulation of the programmes of ASPBAA entailed a significant involvement in various national and regional consultations and planning its events.

The year also witnessed increased demands on and requests from PRIA to provide educational support to a wide variety of activities and groups within the country. A strategy to jointly respond to these initiatives in collaboration with regional support institutions is to be called for the future.

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NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAMME

Training, Workshops, Meetings

* On 26th April 1992 PRIA in collaboration with Srijan-Lokhit Samiti organised a one day workshop on the Present Drought situation in Baghekhhand Region (Shahdol, Rewa, Satna, Sidhi districts) of Madhya Pradesh. Over 35 participants attended this meeting. An Akal Sahayata Samiti was formed for drought relief work.

* On 16th May 1992 in collaboration with some other groups, PRIA organised a day-long public discussion on 'The Management of Drought Distress in New Economic Scenario' at Udaipur, Rajasthan. Over 80 NGO representatives and government officials from Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan attended the meeting. PRIA has taken up the responsibility to follow up the activities.

* During July 13-16, 1992 PRIA conducted an orientation programme on Participatory Research for the groups associated with Coastal Poor Development/Action Network (COPDANET) at Madras. These groups were to participate in the Eastern Coast Research Study on the Coastal poor. Thirty two participants from various organisations from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa attended this programme.

* During July 17-18, 1992 PRIA organised a planning meeting on Local Governance of Natural Resources in Pune.

* On 28th July, 1992 a meeting was organised in Delhi to discuss the follow-up activities on the Drought issue.

* During August 5-6, 1992 PRIA organised an orientation programme on Participatory Research for the activists of SNIRD at Ongole, Andhra Pradesh. This group was to participate in the coastal poor research study. Twenty-six participants attended this four day programme.

* During August 19-22, 1992 PRIA conducted an orientation programme on land study for the activists of Akhil Bharatiya Seva Samaj, Seva Sansthan, Manikpur. Twenty-two activists participated in this four day programme.

* During September 17-20, 1992 PRIA organised a four-day workshop on 'Alternative Land Use' for Ekta Parishad workers at Prayag, Ilida. Seventeen Ekta Parishad members from 17 districts of Madhya Pradesh participated. As a follow-up, it was decided that participants would visit some successful experiments, take initiative to plan alternative agriculture with people's participation, and regularly exchange ideas.

* During October 11-13, 1992 at AICUF Hall, Madras, PRIA conducted the second phase of Participatory Research training for the groups associated with coastal poor research study. The objectives of this programme were the collective analysis of the data and information collected during the research study and preparation of a future plan. Twenty-two participants from Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu who participated in the research study, attended this programme. Coastal Poor Development Action Network (COPDANET) will follow-up this process.
During October 16-17, 1992 PRIA organised a workshop on ‘Drought - Its causes and long-term mitigation’ in Delhi. This was a part of PRIA’s ongoing involvement in this issue. The basic focus of this workshop was to discuss and analyse the present regional situation, how the present development pattern perpetuates drought and to develop an understanding of long-term drought mitigation strategy. Twenty eight participants from eight states attended this workshop.

During 12-14 November, 1992 PRIA organised a National Workshop on “Declining Trend of Access to Common Lands and Common Tanks” in Delhi. The focus was to identify the reasons why people were losing access to these resources and devise an action plan. Twenty-three participants from nine states participated in this workshop.


During January 6-8, 1993 PRIA organised a workshop on Local Governance of Natural Resources at Warastra. Twenty-eight activists attended this programme.

On January 15, 1993 at Madras PRIA conducted a day-long workshop with the activists to analyse the data on the coastal research study and prepare an outline of plan of action.

During January 21-23, 1993 at Tenughat, Bihar, PRIA conducted an orientation programme on Participatory Research for the activists of Chhota Nagpur Yuva Chetna. These activists will study the local environmental problems now in order to evolve a deeper understanding of the same.

During January 29-30, 1993 at Dakpathar, Dehradun, PRIA in collaboration with Himalayan Action Research Centre [HARC] organised a workshop on ‘Land, Water and Forest’ issues in the Garhwal and Kumaun region of the U.P. Hills. The focus of this workshop was the collective understanding of the local natural resources, their inter-relationships with people, causes of degradation, people’s alienation from these resources and the role of activists. Thirty-two participants from the surrounding areas attended this programme.

During February 17-20, 1993 PRIA organised a workshop on ‘Alternative Land and Water Management’. This was the second phase of the programme with Ekta Parishad activists. It was held at Jeevan Vikas Shikshan Kendra, Majgaon, Kalmi, Madhya Pradesh. The workshop attempted to understand the various aspects of alternative processes, along with the concept of watershed area, soil type, species identification, compost preparation etc. Resource persons from Chetna Vikas attended the workshop.

During March 17-18, 1993 PRIA in collaboration with Khedi Vikas Mandal, Latur organised a workshop on ‘Drought in the Marathwada region’ at Latur, Maharashtra. The basic focus of the workshop was to understand the causes of drought in the region, its impact on the people, government, NGOs and people's responses to drought mitigation. It was attended by participants from Marathwada region. It was decided that participants will study the above aspects in detail in their field area.
During March 23-24, 1993 PRIA organised an orientation programme on programme planning for the activists of Mazdoor Kisan Andolan, Gaya. This was attended by 20 activists. It was intended to assist them in building their programme in the area of Natural Resources.

Case Studies

- PRIA in collaboration with Lok Chetna, Daltonganj, Bihar has completed a participatory study on the impact of Irrigation projects in Patamau district.
- PRIA in collaboration with Sarvahara Jan Andolan (SJA), Raigad, Maharashtra has completed a study on ‘Dali Land’ (forest land) issue.
- PRIA initiated a study on the impact of National Parks and Sanctuaries on the local population.
- PRIA in collaboration with Samajik Shodh Evam Vikas Kendra initiated a study on land issues (implementation of land reforms and related problems) in East Champaran district, and in collaboration with Samagia Shikshan Evam Vikas Kendra in West Champaran district of Bihar.
- PRIA initiated a study on the Alternative Efforts on the use of Natural Resources.

Publications

- Study report on ‘Dali Land’ issue has been published in Marathi and English.
- Participatory study on ‘People and Forests’ has been published in English and Hindi.
- Oriya versions of Land Ownership and Alienation Manual, Land Records Manual, Land Acquisition Act, Organising for Land have been published.
- Four issues of ‘Land and People’ and ‘Dharti our Log’ have been published including a special issue each on ‘Common Land’ and ‘Drought’.
- Popular Hindi booklet on ‘Impact of Irrigation Projects in Patamau District’ has been prepared and will be published shortly.
- Simplified version of Madhya Pradesh Land Record is prepared and these are being used as learning materials in our workshop and training programmes.
- Simplified version of ‘Chhota Nagpur Tenancy Act’ has also been prepared and is being used as learning materials for workshops and training programmes.
- A booklet on ‘Forest-People Relationship’ is under preparation.
Visits

* During April 27-30, 1992 visits were made to the drought affected areas of Rewa and Sidihi.

* During April 14-23, 1992 a visit was made to Bikaner and Jodhpur to study the drought situation and visits to groups working on common land issues.

* During May 13-14, 1992 visits were made to Bombay to analyse the data on ‘Dali Land’ study.

* During May 17-19, 1992 visits were made to various places in Udaipur district to study the drought situation, collection of Minar Forest Produce (MFP) by the tribal cooperatives and the Mansi-wakal project site and to the affected villages.

* Visits were made to Bokhaya to assist the activists in the documentation of Bodhgaya Land Struggle: Lok Chetna of Palamau to assist them in the report writing of their study on impact of irrigation projects in the district during June 23 to July 2, 1992.

* During June 18-23, 1992 visits were made to Bombay to finalise the Dali land study report, Kastakani Sanghatana at Dahanu, and Nasik - to document the process of local governance in Lohit area of Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra and to Ralegan Siddhi to study the alternative development efforts initiated by Anna Hazare.

* During June 29, 1992 a visit was made to Gram Vikas Seva Sansthan, Musafirkhana Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh to assist them in the conceptualisation of a case study on the impact of pollution from an industrial estate on the surrounding villages.

* During July 11-26, 1992 PRIA team visited Karnataka and Kerala to meet various groups working on common property resources.

* Between August 31, and September 5, 1992 a visit was made to Gujarat to meet various groups working on common property resources issue.

* During October 25 to November 4, 1992 visits were made to various districts of Tamil Nadu to meet groups working on common property resources.

* During November 9, 1992 visits were made to the affected areas of Subarnaraksha (Chancill) project.

* From December 1-10, 1992 PRIA team visited various drought affected areas of Surguja district of Madhya Pradesh and Palamu District of Bihar to study the impact of drought and people’s efforts to tackle the problem. Visit was made to Gumla District to have a discussion about the local governance of Natural Resources in the area and the Gumla district to have a discussion with the local group to study the local environmental problems.

* During January 1-2, 1993 a visit was made to Chilika lake area in Orissa to study the impact of Tata Aquatic Farm’s proposed Prawn farming project on the local fishermen and had discussions with the activists of Chilika Bachao Andolan to strengthen their movement.
On January 9, 1993 a visit was made to Chesta Vikas, Wardha to study their efforts on alternative ways of agriculture development.

During January 10-12, 1993 visits were made to Southern Andhra Pradesh to meet various groups working among the coastal poor.

During January 11-12, 1993 visits were made to National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad to collect materials on land reforms and other related issues.

During March 15-16 and 19-23, 1993 visits were made to Marathwada region to meet various groups and also to study the causes and impact of recurrent drought in this region.

Attending Other Programmes

On 7th April, 1992 PRIA team attended a meeting in Delhi on drought situation in Rajasthan organised by OXFAM (U.K.).


During May 26-30, 1992 PRIA team attended a six day training programme on ‘People’s Participation in Natural Resources Management’ organised by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi.

During August 1-2, 1992 PRIA team attended a national convention on movement against destructive development process in New Delhi.

During November 7-8, 1992 PRIA staff attended a national convention on ‘Land and Forest Issues’ at Jamshedpur, Bihar.

During November 18-20, 1992 PRIA staff attended a three day seminar on ‘Contours of Curriculum Development in the context of IDNDP’ at Centre for Atmospheric Sciences, University of Calcutta.

During December 28 to January 2, 1993 PRIA staff attended a week long programme in Delhi on ‘Green College’ organised by Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi.

During January 15-16, 1993 PRIA staff attended a seminar on ‘Earthquake Hazard and large dams in the Himalaya’ organised by the Science in Public Policy forum at the India International Centre, New Delhi.

On 10th February, 1993, PRIA staff attended a CEF meeting in Delhi on Global Environment Facility and the role of NGOs in India.

During February 16-18, 1993 PRIA staff attended an international conference on common property resources and crisis of pastoralism in the Thar organised by School of Desert Sciences at Jodhpur.

During March 20-21, 1993 PRIA staff participated in a regional NGO meeting at Shramjivi Unnayan Goabarhusingan, Gobaighusi Singhbhum, Bihar to conduct a two day programme on Drought issues.
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Workshops and Trainings

* During April 2-10, 1992 a third batch of women extension workers of the Madhya Pradesh Women and Child Department were trained in continuity with the process of capacity building.

* During April 19-20, 1992 PRIA team participated in a Review and Planning workshop with Swayam Shikshan Prayog Partnership enhancing women's participation in development schemes along with SPARC, AIKYA and Mahila Samakhya.

* A workshop for women activists of Gram Vikas was conducted during May 7-10, 1992 towards strengthening their understanding of women's issues for their work in the community and in respect of their organisation. Thirty women activists from different programmes of Gram Vikas attended this workshop.

* Phase-II of Training of Women Extension Workers of the Madhya Pradesh Women and Child Department was conducted during May 6-13, 1992.

* PRIA team attended a workshop organised by Sahbhagi Shiksha Kendra in Lucknow during June 26-28, 1992 on Women's Participation in Development. It was an important milestone in laying the ground for working together and planning future support to Sahbhagi Shiksha Kendra's women's programme in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

* PRIA team organised visits, conducted meetings, etc. during June 24 to July 5, 1992 as part of the ILO evaluation of management of women's economic activities project.

* PRIA conducted a training programme for community development workers in Pakistan at Karachi during July 12-22, 1992.

* PRIA is involved in building the perspective and capacities of women activists of Ekta Parishad to strengthen their role within the organisation and ongoing struggles at the field level. We conducted a training of 23 women activists in this context on women's status and struggles during July 18-20, 1992.

* A planning workshop on Women's Empowerment: Exploring Newer Dimensions was convened by PRIA during July 28-30, 1992 in order to share and subsequently document experiences of women's empowerment. It was attended by 31 participants from 16 NGOs all over the country.

* During August 26-28, 1992 PRIA conducted a training with field level activists of ISED at Angul, Distt. Dhenkanal, Orissa as part of an ongoing process of capacity building on women's development issues.

* PRIA facilitated an ASPBAE South Asian workshop on Women's Education for Empowerment during October 29-31, 1992.
* PRIA conducted a workshop to assess the needs of women extension workers of the Indo-Canadian Agricultural Extension Project (ICAEP) in Meeut during November 12-13, 1992. This workshop was the first step in the direction of supporting the WID programme of ICAEP in three districts of Uttar Pradesh.

* As part of a process initiated at the empowerment workshop in July 1992, Development Dialogue started an exercise of reflecting on its efforts with women. A PRIA team member supported in planning for organisational development during November 11-14, 1992.

* PRIA team conducted a training for women's groups at Lahore organised by Aurat Foundation during November 15-22, 1992. A small workshop on Participatory Research was also held during this visit.

* During January 19-24, 1993 a workshop on Women's Empowerment was organised by UNNATI, Ahmedabad with some groups working with women in Gujarat. PRIA co-facilitated this workshop.

* PRIA is supporting the women's programme of Sahabhogi Shikshan Kendra. In this context, a team member co-facilitated a workshop on women's participation in development organised by Sahabhogi Shikshan Kendra during January 28-30, 1993.

* An intensive women's programme planning of HARC was attended and facilitated by PRIA team during February 12-13, 1993. It included review of HARC's mission and strategy and programme planning for working with women in the Uttarakhand region.

* PRIA conducted a needs assessment workshop with Mahila Mandal members from Jaunpur block of Uttarakhand and the core team of SJDH, Mussourie during February 14-16, 1993 to plan future collaboration.

* Udhyaa Mahila Manch, Baniar, near Raipur organised a training for Mahila Mandal members on Organising Women's Groups during March 9-13, 1993. A member of the team participated in the training as a Resource Person.

* A second phase training was conducted with women activists of Ekta Parishad during March 17-21, 1993 as part of their capacity building.

* A Phase-I training was conducted with women extension workers during March 27-31, 1993. 3 District Sociologists and 1 Head Sociologist of ICAEP WID programme in U.P. also attended.

* A meeting was held at Mavim, Bombay on March 29, 1993 regarding Training of Trainers programme for personnel involved in managing women's income generation activities.
Support to Partners

Ongoing/Intensive

- As part of an intensive support process, discussions were held with UNNATI on women’s perspective and planning its future programme with women’s groups on April 7, 1992.

- On April 8, 1992 a meeting was held with CHETNA, Ahmedabad on women’s perspective.

- PRIA team member participated in a meeting on April 10, 1992 regarding a training workshop for Pakistan NGOs which has since begun.

- On April 14, 1992 a meeting for designing the above training was attended by a team member.

- On June 11, 1992 a member of the team participated in a meeting with DSE on planning a workshop on women’s health and management.

- PRIA is working intensively in strengthening the efforts of women activists of Ekta Parishad. In this context exposure visits to several groups were organized - Jagori, Ankur, Awaaz - for a team visiting Delhi during July 26-30, 1992. PRIA supported the Ekta Parishad team in presenting cases of repression against them to the National Commission and Ms. Mamta Banerjee, Minister in Government of India.

- A one day meeting on DWCRA scheme in Maharashtra was attended by a team member on September 22, 1992.

- A planning meeting was held with UNNATI on January 14, 1993 for its workshop on women’s empowerment between January 20-24, 1993.

- A planning meeting for workshop on women’s development in Kerala was held during January 15-16, 1993.

- Designing and planning a workshop on women’s participation in development with Sahaaragi Shikshan Kendra team member was held during January 19-20, 1993. Together we also worked on preparing theme paper for the workshop.

- Support provided to Jagori on March 9, 1993 in designing their programme on feminist training methodology.

- Support were provided to HARC during March 15-16, 1993 on its women’s proposal and planning future programme and facilitating meeting with Oxfam.

- On March 20, 1993 a meeting was held with UNNATI on women’s programme.

PRIA has been giving ongoing support to partners in West Bengal in working with women activists. Perspective Planning support has also been given to Tezpur District Mahila Samiti (TDMS), Assam and Sanchatra, Ahmedabad.
Occasional

- Women’s perspective and programme planning support, etc. has been provided by PRIA to women activists and groups on occasional requests:
  - PRABHAS, Surguja
  - MANAVI, Bihar
  - SPASTIC SOCIETY OF INDIA
  - CRY
  - MOBILE CRECHES.

- Programme time has also been spent on meeting visitors from national, regional and international NGOs and women’s groups.

- Ongoing support has been provided to ASPBAE Women’s programme.

Networking and Collaboration on Issues with other Organisations

Forum for Women and Politics

As members of Forum of Women and Politics we are networking with several women’s groups in Delhi lobbying on current issues impacting upon the issues of women and the rest of society.

- Impact of communalism on women and in the production of a FWP leaflet on the same. Our membership in the FWP provides a forum for lobbying for solidarity and support to women activists from our constituency.

We have also participated in planning women’s day programme with other women’s groups.

- PRIA participated in workshop on SAP and Women during July 13-14, 1992 organised by the Forum of Women and Politics.

Samata

- During December 4-5, 1992 we participated in the National Convention of Samata (an effort towards consolidating and building on the TLC’s) to plan for a Gyan Vigyan Jatha for women’s education, equality and peace.

- On February 1, 93 we participated in the Delhi Samata State Convention and gave support for the creation of materials for Samata, made coordinating member of the materials committee.

- A workshop on women and communalism with Action India and Samata was attended to create materials for Samata on February 17, 93.
Participation on other’s Programmes on Issues

* During June 5-6, 92 National Seminar in Defence of Sovereignty.
* VANI meeting on Structural Adjustment Programme during January 15-16, 93.
* VANI Convention on Communalism during February 26-28, 93.

Exposure and Learning

* On April 15, 92 a workshop on Rethinking on Women’s Movement was attended.
* During April 24 to May 4, 92 JAGRITI conducted a training on understanding the feminist perspective and women’s issues at Rishikesh. A member of the team participated in the training.
* During April 22-24, 92 a team member visited the Research Centre for Women’s Studies, SNDT University for exposure and collection of materials on women’s issues. A visit was also made to SPARC, Bombay to learn about its work in general and with street children respectively.
* On May 14, 92 a one day meeting was organised for PRIA staff to get to know about the work of Aurat Foundation, Pakistan and share information about PRIA’s work.
* In the month of May visits were made to some groups in Delhi - Ankur, Centre for Women’s Development Studies, ISST for an exposure to their work with women and on other issues. This opportunity was used to collect materials for the programme.
* During June 21-23, 92 PRIA team visited Shramik Bharati, Kanpur for an exposure to its work in the urban slums and nearby villages. It provided an opportunity for interaction with the basti women, the core team and an exposure to the organisation’s community development work.
* During July 20-23, 92 a member of the team visited Pativartan in Bastar and Chhattisgarh Mahila Jagriti Sangathan in Raipur for an exposure to their work with women.
* On August 29, 92 we had meetings with some organisations in Bhubaneswar - CVSD, SRIC, XIM.
* On August 30, 92 We made field visits to Cuttack to see a Watershed and income generation project of CVSD as well as to Chilika project of CARD for exposure.
* During September 17-18, 92 a workshop was organised by LSR on understanding feminism and the depiction of women in the scriptures. It was attended by a member of the team.
* During September 13-26, 92 Streevani, Pune organised a seminar on women which was attended by a team member.
During September 27-30, 92 visits were made to groups in Pune - BAIF, Nari Samta Manch, Nihar, Bhima ARC, Shanker Project, ARC, Putush - Uwach for exposure to the work of NGOs in Pune.

On November 19, 92 a team member visited Madias and spent some time at initiatives: Women in Development and State Resource Centre.

During February 19-23, 93 a Mahiti Mela was organised by Chetna Vikas and SPARC under the aegis of the Swayam Shikshan Prayog bringing together women from Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka on a common platform. PRIA team participated in the Mela at Wardha.

Publication and Documentation Support

The team has worked on collation and classification of unpublished articles in the library as well as in organising and classifying books on women's issues in the library towards building a resource centre for women activists.

Learning materials have been prepared by the team on women's movement, government's approach to women's development programmes, women's studies for use in trainings and dissemination. Preparation of materials on other themes has also been planned.

PRIA team has updated and translated in Hindi a Seeds booklet on the Working Women's Forum, Madias, which is since published.

Kriti No. 2 in English and Hindi has been prepared and published in May and July 1992.

Prepared an annotated bibliography on international and national bulletins/periodicals on women's issues.
WORKERS' EDUCATION ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

Studies

During this period number of studies were undertaken

* A study of health hazards of women workers involved in manufacturing Agarbatties in Nagpur was conducted during 13-16th April. A two member PRIA team visited the field to do the documentation in collaboration with the local group.

* A study of Kolar Gold Field was undertaken during 27-30th April, 1992. The purpose of this study was to document the work done by the Workers, their groups and KGF Hospital, on the issue of Silicosis among gold miners. The report has been prepared and will be printed as part of a book next year.

* A PRIA team member visited Jodhpur (Rajasthan) during 10-15 July to support a local group in conducting the study of prevalence of lung disease among the workers who are engaged in stone mining. In this visit the detailed questionnaire was designed and tested.

* A PRIA team member attended a workshop called by a group in Banda during 5-7th August, 1992, as a resource person to help them design a plan to study the problem of occupational health and safety among child labour.

* As a part of ongoing struggle against byssinosis, a study was done among the textile workers in Ahmedabad during 4-6 January, 1993. In this study Occupational History, Lung Function Test and Medical Examination was done at 368 workers. The complete report is printed in OHS Bulletin so that the shop-floor workers can undertake similar kind of efforts at their workplace. Local Trade Unions and Industrial Hygiene Laboratory collaborated with PRIA in this study. As a follow-up the "Byssinosis Affected Workers Forum" has come up in the city, which is working for prevention, diagnosis, compensation and rehabilitation of the affected workers.

Training

* During July 26 to August 1st, 1992, PRIA team visited Asansole/Dhanbad. The main purpose of the visit was to train railway employee on occupational health and safety.

* A PRIA team member attended a training programme organised by National Safety Council in Bombay during 31st August to 4th September, 1992 on the issue of Safety audit.

* PRIA team member made visits to Jodhpur (Rajasthan) in order to support the local groups in data collection and analysis. The Jodhpur medical college was also motivated to conduct radiological survey for silicosis among 84 workers, who had
shown positive symptoms of respiratory disorder. Visit was also made to the illegal asbestos mine and contact was established with workers. At the end of the study a national meeting was organised by the groups involved. In this two day meeting activists, trade unionists, environmentalists, lawyers and academicians participated. It was decided to conduct further surveys, mobilise workers and file public interest litigation in Rajasthan.

* PRIA team member visited Surajkund (Haryana), to provide input about occupational health and safety hazards of women workers. The meeting was organised by DSE to develop training course for women activists in Primary health care centers.

* During 10-17 October, 1992, Training of Occupational Health And Safety was organised at Ahmedabad. 19 members of various trade unions, groups and activists participated in this seven days comprehensive course on various aspects of occupational health and safety. The purpose of the course was to develop activists to become effective health and safety committee members. Doctors, Engineers and retired officials of Factory Inspectorate contributed as resource persons. A concrete plan was chalked out at the end of training to provide follow-up support to the participants at the field.

* A one day workshop on the health and safety in the Iron and Steel Industry was organised at Nagpur for local workers. Twenty workers and shop-floor activists participated in the workshop. A poster exhibition was also organised in Nagpur industrial area to generate awareness among the workers of the other industries.

* One day meeting was conducted with the local miners of Mahanadi Coal Mines, Talcher (Orissa) to discuss with them about their health hazards. A survey for occupational disease is planned to be carried out in near future.

Visits

* A member of PRIA team visited Madras during 3-6 April, 1992 to attend a conference organised by a local organisation to discuss the problem of contract workers.

* PRIA team visited Asansole/Dhanbad during 6th-9th April, 1992. The purpose of the visit was to plan for the training programme on occupational health and safety for the worker activists.

* A PRIA team member visited Bombay during 16-19 April, 1992. The purpose of the visit was to plan for the training programme on occupational health and safety for the worker activists.

* A PRIA team member visited Palamu during 8th to 11th June, 1992, on the request of a local group to look into the issue of occupational health and safety of workers involved in mining of iron-ore and stones.

* A PRIA teammember visited Ghaziabad on 17th June to find out about a particular asbestos company.
A PRIA team member visited Asansole/Dhanbad 6th to 14th September 1992 to do the follow up of earlier visits.

From 21-24 October, 1992 PRIA team visited Madras to document the cases of compensation undertaken by the Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Union. The visit was also used to document the health hazards of the convoy drivers who drive truck chassis from its factory in Madras to the different parts of the country.

On October 31, 1992 PRIA team member visited National Fertilizer Limited, Panipat (Haryana), to meet affected workers in a chlorine gas leakage in the plant. In this accident 12 workers died and twenty were seriously injured and most of them were contract or casual workers. The report of this accident was published in the bulletin.

From 8-21 February, 1993 PRIA team member visited Industrial and Mining belts of Orissa state. The basic objective of this visit was to contact local trade unions and shop-floor activists and acquire first hand information by meeting workers. As the next step two meetings will be organised in the month of June, 1993. The area covered will be Talcher, Angul, Rourkela, Raigarh, Tesa and Katta mines etc.

PRIA team member visited Bombay and Asansol during the end of October to collect narrations for workers experience on health and safety at workplace.

Campaign

The general networking for the campaign on dust related lung diseases was undertaken during this period. In this period the preparation for National Convention of NCDBLID going to be held during 2nd and 3rd of December, 1992 was also done.

A National Poster Competition was organized on the issue of Dust Related Lung Diseases. About 200 posters were received and 30 best of them were laminated. These posters along with that of last year’s are taken from place to place in the form of exhibition.

National Convention of Campaign On Dust Related Lung Diseases was organized during 2-3 December, 1992 in New Delhi. Around 120 participants, which included trade union leaders, shop-floor activists, environmentalists, doctors, lawyers, etc attended. The meeting was chaired by the Rtd. Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India, and the top level leadership of trade unions and environmentalists shared a common platform to express their views about occupational health and safety in general and dust related lung diseases in particular.

Two days before the convention a press conference was organised to highlight gravity of the problem and struggles and achievements under the campaign.
Publication

* 'Health at Workplace' - This book is the collection of the narrations of the workers about their experience of health and safety at workplace. It has 35 stories covering wide variety of occupations and categories of workers. This book, which is available in Hindi and English, was released during National Convention of Campaign on Dust Related Lung Diseases on 2-3 December, 1992.

* 'Untold Story' - A report of journalist's team, who visited Ahmedabad to observe the struggle organised by the Textile workers, to claim compensation for occupational lung disease known as byssinosis.

* One special Occupational Health and Safety bulletin was brought out on the occasion of National Convention of Campaign on Dust Related Lung Disease.

* Four issues of Occupational Health and Safety Bulletin (in English and Hindi each) were prepared and published during this period.
CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

I. Training/Workshop Events

* Process Documentation Workshop: was held in New Delhi from June 16-17, 1992. Eight participants from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and West Bengal attended.

* Support Institutions Workshop: was held in New Delhi from July 23-24, 1992. Twentythree participants attended from the states of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh Kerala, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, West Bengal and Delhi.

* Needs Assessment Workshop: was held in Nepal from September 9-12, 1992. Thirty eight participants attended this programme.

* Regional Programme Planning Workshop: was organised in collaboration with Unnati during March 1993. Twentynine participants from 14 organizations attended.

* Regional Training of Trainers Programme

* Second and Third Phase of Hindi TOT by Sahabnagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow during April 13-20, 1992 and July 1-9, 1992 Dehradun.

* Telegu TOT Phase - II organised by Peoples Learning Centre at Tirupati during October 16-23, 1992.

* Workshop on Tribal Culture was held in collaboration with Lok Jagriti Kendra, Madhupur in November 1992.

* A workshop of concerned citizens and writers was held in Lucknow during December 19-20, 1992 on the issue of Secularism.

* Bengali TOT Phase - I was held during January 9-16, 1993 in collaboration with Sanchar.

* PRIA staff participated in Phase - I of Hindi TOT conducted by SSK, Lucknow during February 8-17, 1993.

* Two workshops on Alternative Information Network and Media were held in September 1992 and February 1993. Twenty six participants attended.

* Another workshop on Culture and Communalism was held in Delhi during February 16-17, 1993.

II. Training in Literacy

* Master Trainers Training (National Literacy Mission): was held in Pune, Maharashtra from June 22-26, 1992. Fortyfive participants attended from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, New Delhi, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
Study of Training in Total Literacy Campaign:

* Case-Study Planning Workshop: was held in New Delhi on June 15, 1992. Thirteen participants from Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Orissa and West Bengal attended.

* Case-Study Writers Meeting: was held in New Delhi from October 12-13, 1992. Total 16 participants attended from the states of Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and West Bengal.

* National Workshop on Training Strategy under Total Literacy Campaign: was held in New Delhi from October 15-16, 1992. Forty-eight participants from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, New Delhi, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal participated.

Involvement with Delhi Saksharata Samiti (Delhi Literacy Committee)

* Core group members in supporting Ambedkar Nagar Total Literacy Campaign in perspective building and planning future directions.

* Designing and conducting Master Trainers' Training along with SRC and one round of refresher's training supporting with material information.

* Facilitating review of Training done by Master Trainers.

Support to State Resource Centre: Key Resource Persons Training: was held in Madhya Pradesh from November 2-6, 1992. Thirty five participants attended (lecturers/professors) from Universities/Colleges of Madhya Pradesh.

III. Support to Support Institutions

* Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow, (U.P.)
  - Programme Planning with Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra Team: July 25-27, 1992
  - Staff Development and Programme Planning: August 7-9, 1992
  - Perspective Planning: October 15-16, 1992

* Unnati, Ahmedabad
  - Programme and Organisational Planning of Unnati: April 6-8, 1992
  - Staff Development: July 25-27, 1992
* Janamitra: People's Training Centre, Andhra Pradesh
  - Telegu TOT: August 25-31, 1992 Design support
  - Process Documentation of Rural Education Society: framework discussion

* SAHAYI, Trivandrum
  - Programme Planning
  - Preparations for launching Malayalam TOT

* Support to Partners

**A. Workshops/Visits**


* Bihar Dalit Vikas Samiti, Bar, Bihar: OD Framework workshop: September 14-17, 1992

* Ekta Parishad, Madhya Pradesh: Workshop on District Coordinators and Women Leaders: October 9-14, 1992

* SANCHAR, West Bengal: Programme and Organisational Planning: November 16-19, 1992


* Gram Vikas, Orissa: Organisational Development and Planning. Several visits were made by PRIA team during May 23-29, 1992; August 11-14, 1992; September 23-29, 1992; November 26 - December 1, 1992.

* HOPE, Himachal Pradesh: Programme Planning and Proposal Writing. Support on an ongoing basis.

**B. Other**

* ISED, Angul, Orissa: Programme Planning/Staff Development

* CENCORED, Patna, Bihar: Programme Planning

* Himalayan Action Research Centre, Dehradun: Programme & Organisation Development

* SAHYOG, Almora, U.P.: Starting work - Programme Planning
* Science Aur Takniki Gram Vikas, Rai Baraly, U.P.: Starting work planning
* AWAZ - Puppetry Group, Lucknow: Programme Planning
* JAGAR, Nainital, U.P.: Process Reflection
* SANSRIFTI, Bhagalpur, Bihar: Programme Development
* Lok Jagriti Kendra, Madhupur: Organisational Issues
* Chhotonagpur Samaj Vikas Sansthan (CSVS), Daitonganj, Bihar: Organisational Issues
* Vikas Maitri, Ranchi, Bihar: Organisational Issues
* SANCHETNA, Ahmedabad: Dialoguing on perspective
* Teesri Duniya Adhyayan Kendra, New Delhi: Planning Programmes and Studies
* Public Interest Research Group, Delhi: Dialoguing on perspective
* Sur Smarak Mandal, Agra: Programme Planning
* C.G. Shah Memorial Trust, Bombay: Programme Development
* KMD'S, Orissa: Planning new work
* Centre for Workers' Management: Planning Programmes. Staff Development.
PRODUCTION OF LEARNING MATERIALS

(I) Publications

* Voluntary Organisations: Yesterday and Today
  - do Hindi -

* Kam Aur Samardhya (Hindi version of Work and Empowerment)

* Parivartan Ki Neev (Gari Ka Kamgar Aurathon Ki Samardhya Badane Me Working Women's Forum Ko Sanghaish Ki Kanani) SEEDS booklet Hindi version Working Women's Forum

* Development Projects in Assessing Empowerment (Occupational Paper Series - 3) Sali Shetty
  - do Hindi -

* People and Forests (A Participatory Study)
  - do Hindi -

* Women and Social Forestry Vol. I & II (A study on Role & Participation of Women in Social Forestry Programmes in Orissa & M.P. (with ISED)).

* A Story of Worker's Struggle on Compensation for Silicosis - Hindi

* An Untold Story (The ongoing struggle of textile workers in Ahmedabad)
  - do Hindi -

* Health at Work Place (Worker's Experiences)
  - do Hindi -

* Special Issue - Bulletin (Occupational Health & Safety)
  - do Hindi -

* Marathi Version of Diseases at Work - II

* Didactic Bulletin 1-3 (Reprint) English
  - do Hindi -
(II) Video Production

* Monopoly over Knowledge
* Right to Information
* Documentation of PRIA Tenth Anniversary Programme
* Communal Harmony

(III) Periodicals

* Four issues of O.H. BULLETIN in English and Hindi (Nos. 25-28)
* Three issues of LAND & PEOPLE in English and Hindi
  No.16-18 (E) & Nos. 8-11 (H)
* Four issues of NEWSLETTER in English and Hindi
  No.38-41 (E) & Nos. 19-22 (H)
* One issue of KRITI in English and Hindi (No.2)
* One issue of SRUAN in English and Hindi (No.2)
SECTORAL ACTIVITIES

Support to VANI in developing its programmes and capacities was provided on an ongoing basis. In particular, support was provided to a national workshop on "Role of Voluntary Action and New Economic Policies" held in Trivandrum in April 1992. As a follow-up of VANI’s programme, a two-day national workshop on developing indicators on monitoring the impact of new economic policies of rural and urban poor was conducted in PRIA during January 15-16, 1993.

At the initiative of VANI, a People’s Campaign for Secularism was launched in November 1992. PRIA participated in the Campaign Convention held in Lucknow during February 27-28, 1993 and assisted the production of learning materials on this theme.

Similar initiatives undertaken by other regional and national networks were also assisted.
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Following the first General Assembly of ASPBAE, development of programmes of new activities were undertaken in subregional Planning Meetings. These sub-regional meetings were facilitated. Participation in these events has contributed to the furthering of the objectives of ASPBAE.

In collaboration with IDR, Boston, the programme on Asian Regional Support Organisations was continued during this period. In particular, planning meetings were held in Sri Lanka in July and December 1992. A Needs Assessment seminar organised by Nepali NGOs in September 1992 was facilitated.

Additional interventions to strengthen other national and international networks of NGOs were supported like the emergence of CIVICUS and strengthening of ICAE.